Is Donald Trump the Antichrist?
+ The Coming Islamic Antichrist.

This is actually the last part of my regular study Bible here. Because of the topic, I thought it would make for a useful independent article. Thus, I have made a separate page for it.

Eschatology is not my thing. I know the various views on it, but I've never fully embraced any of them, and I don't bother trying to go into a lot of speculation on End Times. I'm not even fixed on when the Rapture happens. Some things seem clear enough to be settled on, but when you come down to it, so much is open to interpretation that apart from knowing Christ comes back, you can "prove" just about anything from it all happened in the 1st century, to that every notable leader of the 20th century 'had to be' the Antichrist.

The last thing I want to do is throw my views into the mix as the definitive explanation of what will happen so far as the Antichrist is concerned, but these are some speculations I've had over the years. Like everyone else I've heard on the topic, I'll probably be wrong too, but I'll at least offer them as food for thought, given events happening as of 2026.

Interestingly, as I prepared the Bible file to post this, things happened that have never happened before to try and stop it: the main computer I use as the final step before posting went out and I couldn't even get the hard drive out to copy the files without busting it apart and undoubtedly ruining the drive. (I still can't.) I then used a different Bible file on another computer that I had to reformat by the time *it* was done; then three other backup computers I hoped to use to make the final format and PDF file all failed for various reasons, and I wound up spending all day into the next to get an old Windows XP computer to work well enough to finish up on *that*!

But finish I did, and this seems like a good way to end this work. Past that, I don't know whether the problems with this final section were all coincidence, God trying to tell me not to add this section, or the devil trying to stop it, but it's here for what it is, and you can read it. Thanks to those who have enjoyed the Bible overall, and let me know.

"Is Donald Trump the Antichrist?

No. Before we go further, I recommend the Wikipedia article on the Antichrist.

Past that--since I've been alive, the list of people I've heard some minister claim to be the Antichrist is as long as my arm: Most US Presidents, every Pope, Gorbachev, Putin, King Charles, Bill Gates, and so on.

The Reformers universally thought it was the Pope; and Catholic Popes are a common target for the speculation.

All this stupid speculation does nothing but make Christians look stupid. No one is going to know for sure who the Antichrist is before he is "**revealed**," possibly later in his career when he enters the rebuilt Temple and proclaims himself to be God, and all other religions false.

Hitler came very close to proclaiming himself God on earth. Even so, he fell short in a number of ways in fitting the bill for the real Antichrist.

The real Antichrist will be someone a large segment of Jews (and likely Moslems) will accept as either the Messiah or some sort of prophet or Deliverer. He will be a figure with significant military and economic ability and influence. He will appear as a friend to Israel and by his support to Israel, and abilities to apparently bring peace between it and the Arab world, will deceive many into believing he is either anointed of God or is at least the answer to many of the world's problems.

His success at stabilizing the Middle East will anchor him in the hearts and minds of some portion of the Israelis as the man God has sent to bring a lasting peace to the land.

The question is, which Israelis will follow him? It will either be the Ultra Orthodox, who will hold authority over the faith and be running a restored Sanhedrin after the Temple is rebuilt--who may proclaim him Messiah after he helps *get* that Temple rebuilt. Or--less likely, but it wouldn't surprise me--the Secular majority of Israel. Or possibly both for different reasons, one religious, one political.

Though Donald Trump shows many of the traits of the Antichrist, and is accomplishing many of the kind of things the Antichrist will in his career, he can never be the Antichrist because the Antichrist must be of Jewish descent. A German Gentile like him can never be hailed as Messiah by the Ultra Orthodox.

Now while some since early times have speculated the Antichrist will be from the tribe of Dan--and I understand why they'd think that--I believe he must be from the tribe of Judah (or at least claim to be) as Jesus was. Descent from David and that tribe are necessary to be the Messiah, whoever he is.

But all this aside, it's stupid and pointless to even speculate who the Antichrist is. Anyone wanting to know who the Antichrist is shouldn't even look for him!

What you should look for is the one who will proceed him--the False Prophet.

Before the Antichrist appears on the scene, some sort of messianic Jewish rebbe will arise and spark some sort of revival amongst the Jews, predicting the Messiah is coming soon. This rebbe will be a Schneerson-like charismatic leader who may (or may not) cut across the denominational lines of Judaism, and possibly displaying some level of spiritual power, become hailed by Judaism, which gives heed when he gets a revelation and proclaims that, "Moschiach is coming now"!

Or…

Some sort of Reformist type rabbi will arise with a secular, Social Justice-oriented version of Judaism likely embraced by the non-religious or slightly religious Jews in Israel. This man, on a platform of liberal religion possibly mixed with some political power in the Knesset, will appeal to many secular and non-religious Jews of the nation.

In a scenario like this, a political leader with similar views--at least in a philosophical, if not religious way--arises, finds a way to appeal to the Palestinians and brokers some sort of peace deal between them, and could then be hailed as the great Peacemaker of our time. The religious wave of modern Judaism sweeping the nation, coupled with this new, effective leader could possibly induce a "Jewish" religious leader who's abandoned traditional respect for the structure of Judaism and the Sanhedrin to take it upon

himself, as did Akiva, to pronounce a Gentile, or even a mixed blood Jewish-Arab person or "convert" to his brand of Judaism as the Messiah.

In either case, this false counterpart to John the Baptist must first arrive to herald the way--then the *real* Antichrist will come on the scene. Those who want to know who Antichrist is must search for his forerunner, not the final manifestation.

When you find *him*, you will know Antichrist will be close behind.

It will shock some who don't know Jewish history, but we already had a preview of this scenario with a False Prophet and Antichrist who deceived the nation, that being Rabbi Akiva and Simeon bar Kochba of 132-135 AD. Akiva, ordained by a Hillelite but also taught by a Shammaite and about as strict as one, proclaimed bar Kochba to be the Messiah,** formed an army and revolted against Rome. Rome won, and the nation went into Diaspora and slavery.

** It isn't known for certain, but some believe Akiva proclaimed Davidic descent for bar Kochva by giving him his name, which means *Son of the Star*. Coins of the time also bore his name and a star emblem.

This will happen again. A new Rabbi Akiva will arise and again proclaim some man to be Messiah. The question is whether the Ultra Orthodox will follow him, the Secular will follow him, or both follow him.

The first time, the Common people accepted Jesus and the Leaders rejected him. This time, it may reverse. It's hard to predict.

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While the Antichrist will be a Jew, at the same time I agree with my Moslem friends that the Antichrist will also be some sort of Moslem, known as the Al-Masih ad-Dajjal. They, like us, teach that an Antichrist is coming (though not from the Jews), and Jesus will defeat this counterfeit version of Himself,*** and in that way He will return to earth. This man will arise during a time of global upheaval and through false miracles deceive many who are desperate, ignorant or weak in their faith. Thus, it may be that when the Antichrist comes, his power base could start from Israel and the Jews but quickly spread to the Moslem world and from there to the West. He'll apparently have something positive to offer his allies for several years--reinforced by "**lying signs and wonders**" that may be technological breakthroughs offering answers to a variety of ecological, political and other problems. After a time, however, he will be unable to withstand the ecological judgment of God and his rule will begin to collapse as even his allies and subjects turn against him.

*** Some Christian eschatologists also believe the Antichrist will literally be a counterfeit Jesus Christ rather than merely a false Messiah in a general sense. I'm not in that camp but it's not impossible.

Somewhere in the midst of this he will declare himself to be God on earth, and that will cause the great rift between him and all devoted worshippers of God left on earth, Christian and otherwise. He'll be slain but will either be revived or live on through some kind of "**image**" that could be a clone, AI, or something supernatural. Add to this that God's "**Two Witnesses**"--one of whom must be Elijah, according to Jesus--will smite his kingdom with plagues until he kills them and they are resurrected, and opposition will grow against him on all sides.

How all this is going to happen I cannot say. But while I have described what I expect to happen in Israel, I do expect the spillover of his influence to reach the Moslem world as noted, which will form a much more significant power base (backed with Oil) in 10 Economic Zones he'll have ultimate control over, hence my speculation this man may be a half-Jewish/half-Arab man who somehow bridges the divide between the sons of Ishmael and the sons of Isaac and uses it as the springboard to extend his power beyond the Middle East once he consolidates his power there.

Whoever the Antichrist is, his authority, significant as it will be, will not be absolute in all places worldwide. His power will extend beyond the borders of Israel to Europe and Africa, and his seat of power could move to Europe at least for a time, but his authority will be less influential, though still significant, in other parts of the world like parts of Asia. Nations like Russia, China and India may come under his umbrella out of Economic necessity, but some or all of them will eventually rebel and come to battle him, plunging the world into chaos on top of what God will already be doing. At some point during this, they will realize Christ Himself is on the verge of returning and all unite in a last stand against *Him*.

For this reason, despite whatever differences we have, since all three of our religions have some notion of Satan sending a false Messiah toward the End of Days, all of us--Christian, Jew or Moslem--living as people aware there is a God who judges, should proclaim together that Antichrist is coming who will deceive the ignorant, the sinners and the irreligious to their destruction.

In the meantime, while Antichrist is not Donald Trump, note how Trump is relating on friendly terms with both Israel and a number of Arab states. The Antichrist will do likewise on a greater scale, and how much more could he do that than Trump if he turned out to be the child of both Jew *and* Arab?

But before all this and the climactic battle of Armageddon, look for and find the new Rabbi Akiva and *then* you can try to figure out who Antichrist is. He'll be hot on his heels.

Trump may have his issues, but he is not the Antichrist by a longshot.

"So what does 666 mean then?"

I can't say.